

Garstang
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
Medical Officer of Health
AND
Public Health Inspector
FOR THE YEAR
1957



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PRESTON

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Chairman of the Council:

COUNCILLOR T. F. EAVES, J.P.

Public Health Committee:

THE WHOLE OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman:

COUNCILLOR H. THORNTON

Vice-Chairman:

COUNCILLOR J. PRESTON

Clerk of the Council:

H. BOND, A.C.C.S.

Medical Officer of Health (Part Time):

ANDREW B. TAYLOR, M.B., Ch.B.

Public Health Inspector:

A. SMITHSON, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

F. C. WESTON, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Public Health Inspector's Assistant:

J. B. COOK

Clerk:

MISS S. HAMPSON

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FOR THE YEAR 1957

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Garstang Rural District Council*

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my Seventeenth Annual Report in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1957, together with the vital statistics relating to that period.

The year under review was a normal one with the general health of the district continuing to be satisfactory.

There was a slight increase in the number of deaths recorded, but the general statistics of this area compare favourably with those of England and Wales.

Although the number of deaths from Cancer was higher this year, the death rate from this cause remained lower than that of England and Wales.

One case of Paralytic Poliomyelitis was notified. Information has been received from the Divisional Medical Officers of the County Council that 378 children in the area were vaccinated against Poliomyelitis during the year.

The problem of the care of elderly persons appears to present itself more seriously each year and I would like to record my appreciation of the Council's decision to co-operate with the County Council in the scheme for providing a number of bungalows in Garstang for elderly persons.

The animals slaughtered within the district during the year were of a high grade and produced meat of an excellent quality. The number slaughtered shows an increase of 1,381 over the previous year.

I would like to express my thanks to the Public Health Inspector and the staff of the Health Department, and also to the Clerk of the Council, for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW B. TAYLOR,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Position ... Latitude 53° 54" North. Longitude 2° 47" West.

Elevation above sea level ... 0 feet to 1,675 feet.

Geological formation... Eastern Highlands—Millstone grit.
Western Lowlands—Glacial clay on
triassic sandstone with patches of
alluvium.

Chief Industries carried

on in the Area ... Mainly Agriculture and Poultry; Egg
Packing Stations; Market Gardening;
Milk Processing and Cheese Making;
Textile Manufacturing; Paper Making
and Pre-Cast Products. A number of
men are employed in the building trades,
and a number of residents are employed
in the neighbouring towns.

Area (Acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,491
Population (Census 1951)	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,706
Registrar-General's Estimated mid-year Home							
						Population, 1957	13,360
Density of population per Acre	...	...	...	...	...	...	.23
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census 1951)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,643
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1957 according							
to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,112
Average number of persons per house	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.25
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£137,203
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£520

VITAL STATISTICS

					<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Live	}	Legitimate	...	...	207	97	110
Births		Illegitimate	...	...	5	3	2
					<hr/> 212	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 112
Still Births	...	...	...	...	4	—	4
Deaths	...	...	...	...	168	96	72

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

					<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	4	2	2

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.

					<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	2	1	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
					—	—	—
					2	1	1
					—	—	—

Year	Live births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
	Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Neo-natal	
	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
1957	212	*15.9	168	*12.6	4	19	...	...	4	19	2	9
1956	208	15.8	149	11.3	4	19	...	...	1	5	1	5
1955	202	15.6	179	13.8	4	19	...	...	6	30	3	15
1954	242	18.8	157	12.2	3	12	...	...	7	29	6	25
1953	179	14.1	141	11.1	2	11	...	...	7	39	4	22
1952	207	16.3	153	12.0	7	33	...	...	5	24	2	10
Avge. 5 yrs., 1952-56	...	16.1	...	12.1	...	19	...	...	...	25	...	15

* Adjusted { live birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.08)=17.1 per 1,000.
death-rate (comparability factor, 1.00)=12.6 per 1,000.

Births.

There were 207 legitimate and 5 illegitimate live births, 100 being males and 112 females. The birth rate (adjusted) per 1,000 of the population was 17.1 against 16.1 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths.

The number of stillbirths in 1957 was 4, giving a stillbirth rate of 19 per 1,000 total births, as compared with a rate of 22.4 for England and Wales.

Deaths.

The total number of deaths was 168 comprising 96 males and 72 females, giving a death rate (adjusted) of 12.6 per 1,000 of the population. For England and Wales the rate is 11.5.

The death rate for infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births is 19. For England and Wales, the death rate is 23.

Neo-natal mortality—deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age, 2. Mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 9. England and Wales 16.5.

Causes of Death

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1	4
„ „ lung, bronchus	2	1	3
„ „ breast	0	1	1
„ „ uterus	0	3	3
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	7	8	15
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	0	1
Diabetes	0	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	16	9	25
Heart Diseases	40	32	72
Influenza	1	0	1
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Bronchitis	4	2	6
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	1	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	0	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	0	2	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	0	3
Congenital malformations	0	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	9	3	12
Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	4
All other accidents	4	1	5
	<hr/> 96	<hr/> 72	<hr/> 168

Deaths — Age Groups

Under 1 year	3
1— 2 „	0
3— 4 „	1
5— 9 „	2
10—14 „	0
15—24 „	1
25—44 „	6
45—64 „	38
65—74 „	46
Over 75 „	71
Total ...	<hr/> 168

Cancer.

There were 27 deaths from malignant neoplasms, of which three were due to cancer of the lung and bronchus. The death rate for all types per 1,000 population was 2.02 as compared with 2.09 for England and Wales.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1957.

Total Cases Notified and Ages.

Disease	Total No. of Cases	Under 1	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	25—	45—	65 and over	Cases removed to Hospital
Scarlet Fever ...	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	3	2	...
Measles ...	82	1	3	8	10	11	44	3	2	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Totals ...	95	1	3	8	10	12	45	5	3	3	3	2	1

Tuberculosis.

The number of cases on the register at the 1st January was 70. During the year 1 case was added and 3 cases removed, leaving 45 pulmonary and 23 non-pulmonary at the end of the year.

One death from respiratory tuberculosis was recorded during the year. The death rate per 1,000 population was 0.07. Death rates for England and Wales were 0.09 respiratory, and 0.01 non-respiratory.

Three-hundred and eight persons were X-rayed when the mobile X-ray unit visited Pilling and Hambleton.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the District is within the administration of the Lancashire County Council Health Division Nos. 3 and 4, as follows:—

Health Division 3: Parishes of:—

Hambleton	Out Rawcliffe Stalmine	Pilling
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Health Division 4: Parishes of:—

Barnacre-with-Bonds	Bilsborrow	Bleasdale
Cabus	Catterall	Claughton
Forton	Garstang	Great Eccleston
Inskip-with-Sowerby	Kirkland	Myerscough
Nateby	Nether Wyresdale Winmarleigh	Upper Rawcliffe-with- Tarnacre

Health Services

The general health services, including ante-natal, midwifery, School Clinics, health visiting, home helps, etc., are administered by the County Council and appear satisfactory.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries and Venereal Disease Treatment Centres are under the administration of the Regional Hospital Board.

Hospital Accommodation.

There are no hospitals in the area. Cases are sent to Preston, Lancaster, Blackpool, etc.

The district is provided with hospital accommodation for smallpox at Bury and for Infectious diseases at Preston, Blackpool and Lancaster.

Ambulance Service.

This service is also under the control of the Lancashire County Council, with headquarters at Broughton, near Preston, and ambulance stations at Thornton, Fleetwood and Lancaster.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, S.47.

Number of applications made during the year	...	...	Nil
Number of Orders made	...	...	Nil

Laboratory Facilities.

Swabs, specimens of sputum, etc., and samples of milk, ice-cream, water, and other foods for bacteriological and biological examination are taken to the pathological department of Preston Royal Infirmary.

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COUNCIL OFFICES,
GARSTANG.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report of the sanitary circumstances of your District for the year 1957.

Water Supply.

The District is well supplied from the Fylde Water Board. Over ninety-two per cent. of the dwelling houses (3,804), have an internal supply from this source which is upland surface water of excellent quality. The supply is regularly tested by the Board and the department. The Board laid 671 yards of new mains and replaced 976 yards during 1957.

Eleven houses receive water from the Manchester Corporation, Thirlmere supply, and the remainder of the houses derive their source of supply from wells and springs.

The total number of houses with an internal piped water supply, from all sources is 4,021 (97.8%).

During the year, four houses were connected to the Board's mains. Previously these properties had been supplied from private sources.

Ninety-seven samples of water were obtained from private supplies with the following results:—

Bacteriological:—

Satisfactory	...	...	60
Unsatisfactory	...	...	33

Chemical:—

Satisfactory	...	...	4
Unsatisfactory	...	...	—

Details of Water Supplies to Dwelling Houses, Farms, Hotels, etc. 31.12.57.

PARISH	No. of Houses, etc.	FYLDE		TH.		PRIVATE SUPPLIES								CARAVAN SITES		SCHOOLS					
								Burdock				Oak		CL.		Others					
								In	Out	C.	In	In	Out	In	Out						
Barnacre-wich-Bonds ...	390	331	—	2	17	—	2	1	—	—	31	6	—	—	2	1	—				
Bilsborrow ...	97	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	7	—	—	1	—	—				
Bleasdale... ..	56	1	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	32	5	4	—	—	1	—				
Cabus	224	222	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	7	—	—	—				
Catterall... ..	176	170	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	1	—	—	—				
Claughton	126	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	8	10	—	—	—	—	—				
Forton	273	256	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	8	1	—	1	—	—				
Garstang... ..	573	573	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—				
Great Eccleston... ..	244	243	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—				
Hambleton	241	240	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	—				
Inskip-with-Sowerby	135	133	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—				
Kirkland... ..	90	89	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—				
Myerscough	189	181	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	1	—	—	—				
Nateby	75	74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—				
Nether Wyresdale	166	99	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	8	10	1	1	—	—				
Out Rawcliffe	167	165	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—				
Pilling	443	430	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	2	3	—	—				
Stalmine	222	220	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	1	—	—				
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	140	140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—				
Winmarleigh	85	82	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	1	—	—				
TOTAL	4,112	3,804	5	11	17	—	2	15	38	136	69	15	23	1	20	3	—				

KEY :

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P. —Private supply.

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Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The Council undertake the removal of domestic refuse in the twenty parishes.

Collection of household refuse and salvage was carried out by two Bedford and one Dennis 7 and 10 cubic yard side-loading vehicles, manned by nine loaders, inclusive of drivers.

Refuse was disposed of in farm "pits" situated in various parts of the district.

Every endeavour is made with the limited number of vehicles, men, and covering material, to dispose of the refuse with as little nuisance as possible.

Salvage.

The Council continued with the collection of waste paper and other forms of salvage. The amount realised from the sale of the 46 tons collected, was £327.

Sewerage and Drainage.

No major works or extensions were carried out during the year.

The largest and most modern disposal plant in the district is situated at Churchtown which serves Garstang and parts of the parishes of Barnacre-with-Bonds, Cabus, Catterall, Churchtown and Claughton.

In Great Eccleston all the sewers discharge, without treatment, in the tidal waters of the River Wyre.

Other treatment plants are situated in Calder Vale, and the Kenlis Arms area (Barnacre-with-Bonds), Pilling, Scorton (Nether Wyresdale), and at Forton.

Small treatment works are provided for Council estates in the various parishes.

The majority of the dwelling houses where sewers are not available are provided with septic tanks.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION (AT END OF 1957)

Number of middens	...	...	...	64	Number of fresh water closets	4263
Number of closets attached thereto				67	Number of trough closets	...
Number of dry ashpits (excluding middens)	...	...	...	—	Number of waste water closets	—
Number of pail closets	...	...	...	452	Number of moveable dustbins	3866

CONVERSIONS DURING THE YEAR

Privies to fresh water closets	...	5	Pails to fresh water closets	...	28
Trough Closets to fresh water closets	...	...	...	...	6

Public Conveniences.

Public conveniences are provided in the parishes of Garstang, Great Eccleston and Pilling.

It is anticipated that public conveniences will be provided in the village of Scorton (Nether Wyresdale) during the coming year.

Sanitary Inspections.

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	19
Butchers' Shops	...	...	..	...	145
Dairies	...	...	...	...	9
Disinfections	...	...	...	...	5
Drains and Sewers		...	...	...	73
Dust Bins	...	...	...	...	35
Egg Packers	...	...	...	...	16
Factories	...	..	...	...	109
Fairgrounds	...	...	...	...	2
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	13
Food preparation premises			...	...	310
Hawkers	...	...	...	...	28
Houses (P.H.A. and Hsg. Acts)	...		...	...	129
Housing (Improvement Grants)	...		...	...	176
Houses (Council)	...	...	...	...	80
Houses, applications for Council				...	107
Houses, Certificates of disrepair				...	22
Ice-cream premises		...	...	...	65
Infestations	...	...	...	...	10
Infectious diseases		...	...	...	24
Knacker's Yard	...	...	...	...	33
Market	...	...	...	...	43
Moveable dwellings		...	...	...	178
Manure, Accumulation of			...	...	19
Petroleum Regulations	...		...	...	41
Piggeries	...	...	...	...	12
Public Cleansing and Salvage	...			...	238
Public Conveniences	...		...	...	68
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	42
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	30
Schools	...	...	...	...	23
School Kitchens	...	...	...	...	12
Shops and Offices	...	...	...	...	162
Sanitary Accommodation:—					
Conversions	...	...	...	...	86
Septic Tanks	...	...	...	...	43
Slaughterhouses	...	...	..	...	1274
Streams and Ditches	...	...	...	...	19
Smoke Observations, etc.	...		...	...	12
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	1
Water supplies	...	...	...	...	70
Various	...	...	...	...	448

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION.

Number of slaughterhouses licensed	10
Number of licences issued to slaughtermen during 1957 ...	28

Summary of Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

Figures in () are those for 1956.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	851 (712)	17 (43)	7 (31)	3803 (3172)	4186 (3525)
Number inspected	851 (712)	17 (43)	7 (31)	3803 (3172)	4186 (3525)
All diseases except Tuberculosis :					
Whole carcases condemned ...	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	4 (6)	3 (8)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	181 (297)	4 (18)	0 (1)	39 (59)	239 (195)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	21.3 (41.7)	23.5 (41.9)	14.3 (3.2)	1.1 (2.1)	5.8 (5.8)
Tuberculosis only :					
Whole carcases condemned ...	2 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	44 (51)	3 (13)	0 (0)	0 (0)	132 (142)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	5.4 (7.2)	17.7 (32.6)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3.2 (4.1)

Number of carcases of which some part or organ was found
to be affected with cysticercus bovis 2(0)

A Government contribution of £15 14s. 0d. was received
towards the cost of meat inspection.

Food Premises.

Number of food premises, by type of business, in district at
end of year:—

General grocers and provision dealers	66
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	6
Fishmongers	1
Meat shops, (butchers, purveyors of cooked and processed meats, etc.)	9
Bakers and/or confectioners	4
Fried Fish shops	6
Shops, selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice- cream, etc.	13
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars	72

Number of food premises, by type, registered under S.16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 or under local Acts:—

<i>Type of Business</i>	<i>No. registered at</i>	<i>No. of Inspections of registered Premises during year</i>
	31.12.57	
Ice Cream Manufacture and Sale	58	65
Fish Friers	6	13
Sausages, Potted and preserved Food —		
Manufacture	10	31

Unsound Food.

From Slaughterhouses:—

	T.	C.	Qrs.	lbs.
Tubercular meat	2	2	2	10
Non-Tubercular meat	1	17	0	19

Special examination of food stocks:—

Type	Quantity examined	Quantity condemned
Bacon	80 lbs.	80 lbs.
Tinned Meats	329 lbs.	329 lbs.
Tinned Vegetables	17 lbs.	17 lbs.
Tinned Fruits	53 lbs.	53 lbs.
Tinned Milks	16 lbs.	16 lbs.

All condemned meat from slaughterhouses is stained green and then either sent to the local Knacker's Yard or to a Processor. Unsound tinned foods are buried at the tip.

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of distributors registered by the local authority and operating from:—

(a) Dairies in the district	3
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies	6
(c) Premises outside the district	5

Number of dealers' licences issued during 1957—

Tuberculin Tested milk	18
Pasteurised milk	13
Sterilised milk	6

Practically all the milk consumed in the area is produced within the Rural District.

Regular sampling of all supplies is carried out for biological and bacteriological examination and the following show the results of the samples taken:

Raw Milk:

	<i>No. of samples</i>	<i>No. Positive</i>	<i>No. Negative</i>
Tuberculosis	85	0	85
	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>No. Satisfactory</i>	<i>No. Unsatisfactory</i>
Bacteriological			
Methylene Blue	64	60.	4
	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>No. Satisfactory</i>	<i>No. Unsatisfactory</i>
Heat Treated Milk:			
Phosphatase Test	7	7	—
Methylene Blue Test	7	7	—
Turbidity Test	1	1	—

Undulant Fever (Br. Abortus):

In addition to the above samples, a further 53 milk samples were taken in connection with 2 suspected cases of Undulant Fever, the results of which proved negative.

Tuberculosis Milk:

Result of Ministry investigations within the district during the year arising from notifications by any local authority:

Number of herds examined by veterinary inspectors	...	1
„ „ cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order, 1938	... ..	1
„ „ animals seized	... ..	1
„ „ cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigation	... ..	—
„ „ cases reported negative, no animals seized	...	—

There are two pasteurising plants within the area which are licensed by the County Council. Regular samples are obtained by the County Council.

All milk supplied to the schools in the district is either T.T., or Pasteurised.

Ice Cream.

During the year, 44 samples of Ice Cream were taken.

Of the 44 samples examined 35 were of ice cream manufactured outside the Rural District and 9 were manufactured within the district. The following is a table showing the respective grading:—

			<i>Made Out of the District</i>		<i>Made Within the District</i>
Grade 1	...	...	32	...	8
2	...	...	3	...	1
3	...	...	0	...	0
4	...	...	0	...	0
			—	...	—
			35	...	9
			—	...	—

Markets.

There is one market, situated in Garstang, under the control of the Garstang Town Trust which is regularly inspected.

Offensive Trades.

There is one licensed Knacker's Yard in the district, situated in the Parish of Catterall. The premises are regularly inspected and have been found satisfactory and well conducted.

Smoke Abatement.

Complaints were received of excessive smoke being emitted from (a) railway locomotives and (b) two factory chimneys.

In the first case an immediate improvement was observed after the appropriate authority had been notified. As to the nuisance arising from one of the factories, it is proposed to replace, in 1958, the existing solid fuel plant with an oil burning unit, whilst in the third case the main cause was unsuitable fuel for the type of plant installed.

Moveable Dwellings.

Number of licensed caravan sites—24.

Number of licences issued during 1957 for individual caravans 32.

Number (approx.) of caravans stationed in the district, August, 1957—917.

Number of caravans used for permanent habitation—280.

The licensed caravan sites, with one exception, have public water supplies and the majority of the sites are provided with fresh-water closets to septic tanks.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public baths within the area, although some bathing takes place in favourable weather in certain parts of the rivers Wyre and Brock.

At one of the caravan sites a swimming pool has been provided for the benefit of the caravanners. The water is pumped from a nearby well and receives no treatment, but is changed regularly.

Shops and Offices.

One-hundred and sixty-two inspections were carried out.

The majority of the shops in the area are family concerns, employing few or no assistants.

Schools.

There are twenty-three schools in the Rural District and another is at present in course of construction.

Water is supplied by the Fylde Water Board to 20 of the schools and at Bleasdale, Calder Vale and Claughton the supplies are from private sources which are sampled regularly.

Sanitary accommodation consists of fresh water closets at 21 schools whilst at Bleasdale and Eagland Hill, pails and privies are provided.

There are two school kitchens in the area, and plans are already in hand for the provision of separate kitchens at various schools.

Housing.

Number of dwelling houses erected during the year:

Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
(i) By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
(ii) By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	51

Since 1945, 839 houses have been erected, of which 520 were Council houses and the remaining 319 for private use.

The Council's housing register revealed at the 31st December, 1957, that there were 152 outstanding applications for Council houses. These were made up as follows:—

- 32 from persons living in rooms.
- 23 from persons living in moveable dwellings.
- 89 from tenants of houses.
- 8 from single persons.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year—

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	104
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	129
(2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:—	
(a) Number found during year	9
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year...	38
(3) Number of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	51

2. Housing Acts, 1936 and 1957 and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954. Houses not included in Clearance Areas:—

	No. of Houses	Persons Displaced
(1) Houses demolished or closed during the year		
(i) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure	12	8
(ii) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners	—	—
(iii) Parts of buildings closed	—	—

(2) Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	44
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3. Housing Acts, 1936 and 1957—Overcrowding:

There are very few cases of overcrowding in the district. Special consideration is given by the Council in the rehousing of any overcrowded family resident within the Rural area.

4. Housing Acts, 1949-54. Improvement Grants.

	No.	No. of dwelling houses affected
(i) Number of schemes submitted by private individuals to local authority	16	16
(ii) Number of schemes approved ...	13	13
(iii) Number of schemes completed ...	19	19
(iv) Additional separate dwellings included in (iii) above	—	1

5. Rent Act, 1957

(a) Applications for Certificates of Disrepair:

(1) Number of applications received	4
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates	—
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates, in respect of some but not all defects	3
In respect of all defects ...	1
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under par. 5 of the 1st Schedule	2

(b) Applications for Cancellation of Certificates: None.

Factories.

1.—Inspection of Factories.

No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
103	109	Nil	Nil

Outworkers.

Number on register	Nil
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Defects Found in Factories.

Particulars			Referred			
	Defects Found	Defects Remedied	by H.M. Inspector	Prosecu-	tions	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:						
(a) insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective ...	7	7	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

Verminous Persons and Premises.

Three houses were treated for cockroaches and several infestations of ants, wasps, etc., were eradicated by proprietary insecticides.

Disinfection.

Disinfection is carried out by means of formalin fumigators and five rooms and 22 books were treated by this method during the year.

Rodent Control.

The Council engage one whole-time rodent operative to carry out the functions under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year, 4653 inspections were carried out and 301 properties treated for rats and mice.

After test baiting, with negative results, a proportion of the manholes on the Council's sewers, it was not found necessary to carry out during 1957, any further treatment on the sewers.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Medical Officer of Health, other chief officials, and all members of my staff for their valued assistance, and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for all their support during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. SMITHSON,

Public Health Inspector.

